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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

May 28, 2009

Beginning at 7:30 p.m.

City Hall, Rm 209

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1. **455 Nahanton St. , Nahanton Park NOI** for accessible path in riverfront.
2. **Houghton Garden – Chestnut Hill Garden Club to contract for removal of knotweed in streambed**
3. **Elliot Street – Hemlock Gorge Abbreviated NOI** -for filling sinkhole just below dam –DCR claiming exemption
4. **89 Andrew Street requesting to Extend OOC**– OOC expired beginning May; owner requests extension, and has new plan with smaller footprint.
5. **46 Heatherland RDA** – request for fence and compensatory storage in flood zone.
6. **40 Rochester Rd. NOI** -for pool, cabana, patio, grading in buffer to bordering vegetated wetland.
7. **Lot 9 Kessler Woods – Amended NOI** – need statement that drainage pattern doesn't change, need hay bale and silt fence detail changed, and need statement that increase in size of project does not exceed footprint originally approved for lot??
8. **Mason Rice Playground improvements request for COC** - OOC has expired, and there is no money for engineering services for as-built plan or letter that they are in compliance – also not sure OOC recorded.

Violations –Updates

33 Verndale Rd. - Report on site visit to check removal of 'debris' in flood zone

35 Kingswood Road – alteration of bank of Charles – restoration area planted with 20 new lowbush blueberry bushes.

Houghton Garden – paint violation – Vice-Chair sent letter to B.C. students in response to last communication.

15 Harwich Rd –Violation –Have asked DEP to assist.

394 Boylston St. –owner has hydro-seeded lawn area

160 Pine St. – Gazebo -wall built; installation of drainage pipe & final re-stabilization remains.

1203&1211 Washington St.

93 Andrew St.

3 Fuller Ave.

Certificates of Compliance (*needs action)

Kessler Woods Development: If each house lot asks for partial COC, who gets the complete COC to get OOCs off all others? That is, since every house lot on same OOC with same file number, there can be no complete sign-off on any house until ALL conditions met for whole development. And, which subset of the

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conditions will be required to issue partial for house lots? The condos have not been built, and it is expected that Southworth will ask for a 3-year extension. Do you want each lot to also ask for extension??

***Lot 7 Kessler Woods-** Have received as-built plans showing minor changes –in plants and some rocks added out of riverfront area.

*** MWRA-Kessler Woods request for COC –** as-built plans submitted

***18 Rockland St.** –Owner has submitted as-built plan

***5-11 Charlesbank Road-** Have received as-built plans

***90 Wayne Road –** Have received as-built plans.

15 Marla Circle-mitigation plantings need to be re-planted, area documented, and MWRA easement clarified

1676 Commonwealth – needs as-built plans

11-19 Hargrove Circle – OOC expired in 2006. Recently contacted both owners; sites need as-built showing grades, area and layout of plantings, planting list, and a final site visit & approval of plantings Both owners say they will comply this spring.

Announcements & General Business:

Performance Bond for mitigation – as standard condition in any OOC with mitigation? Wording in packet – DRAFT.

Open Space Plan – considerations and member to work on committee and with Conservators?

Nahanton Woods – Judy set up meeting.

April 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes for approval

Outstanding issues – discussion

Non-criminal ticketing – update – see packet for summary – Q: Does the Commission wish to ticket under the Watershed/Flood Zone only?

Other

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